

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2005.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard - Chair, Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant), Sally Angers (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Dee Stanley (CAO), Becky Lalumia (CFO), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel), Gail Smith (Administrative Services Director), Chief Randy Hundley (Police Department), Chief Robert Benoit (Fire Department), Eleanor Bouy (Planning, Zoning and Codes Director), Gerald Boudreaux (Parks & Recreation Director), Melanie Lewis (Community Development Director), Tom Carroll (Public Works Director), Tony Tramel (Traffic & Transportation Director), Sona Dombourian (Library Director), Mike Sands (Civil Service Director)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(000) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Randy Menard called the Special Council Meeting of September 29, 2005 to order.

He announced that public comment on the budget would be heard at the beginning of the meeting, prior to Council discussion on the Special Amendments.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: O-214-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopting an operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for the Fiscal Year beginning November 1, 2005, and ending October 31, 2006, motion by Mouton, seconded by Bourgeois to adopt as amended, with additions of Section 3A and 3I and to include General Amendments (Exhibit A) (*accepted by the maker and the second*) and Separate Amendments (Exhibit B) as identified below, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Menard asked Lalumia to verify that the external agencies that were funded in the 2004-05 budget are again funded in the 2005-06 budget at the same level.

Lalumia stated there were just a couple of exceptions for those agencies that either did not make a request for funding or requested a reduced amount. She said the Community Health Care Clinic was added.

Upon questioning by Benjamin, Stanley said the funding for the Community Health Care Clinic is a one-time funding.

Benjamin requested that the Administration look at agencies such as the Community Health Care Clinic when they look at the funding for next year.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(090) Prior to discussion on the separate amendments, the following persons spoke in support of funding for the Night Owl Service: Mary Ann Ficaro, Phillip Zeno and Richard Phelps.

Menard asked if any Councilmember who requested a separate amendment would like to withdraw their request or move it to the General Amendments

Broussard asked that Separate Amendment #7 - T & T- New Planner Position be pulled for a separate vote.

Williams asked that it remain as a separate vote.

Separate amendments #16, #17 and #21 were withdrawn.

The following separate amendments as shown in Exhibit "B" were discussed and voted upon:

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(270) **#1 - City Council 2% Increase**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Broussard, to approve the 2% Council salary increase, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Mouton

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Benjamin reminded the Council that they adopted an ordinance that states that any Councilmember who votes against any raise of their salary cannot receive the raise.

Upon questioning by Bourgeois, Menard stated that a yes vote does not mandate that you accept the raise.

Bourgeois stated that his intention is to vote yes for the raise, but not to accept it.

Conque said that he would also vote yes for the raise with the option of not accepting it.

Broussard reminded the Council that some of them voted no last year but accepted the increase anyway.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(365) **#2 - Annual Report - LCG General Fund (Provide list of all funding for annual reports)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Stevenson to delete the \$28,000 in funding for the Annual Report.

Mouton said the total funding for annual reports for LCG, LUS and Parks & Recreation amounts to \$83,000. He believes that all the reports could be combined into one at a cost savings of approximately \$55,000.

Stanley stated that the annual report is a Charter requirement and asked the Council to leave the amount that is currently in the budget for LCG. He added that LUS provides their own annual report and maybe they could do it together.

Upon questioning by Williams, Lalumia stated that the only reports budgeted are for LCG, LUS and Parks and Recreation and she specifically asked for this type of report.

Williams offered an amendment that any publication outside of this appropriation shall not be incurred by LCG.

Menard stated that Mouton's motion was to delete the \$28,000.

Upon questioning by Menard, Ottinger stated that the Charter requires that the City-Parish President submit a complete report on the finances and administrative activities to the Council, and make available to the public within 120 days after the fiscal year. It does not speak to the form or matter in which it is done.

Williams moved not to publish any Annual Report for LCG and to delete the \$28,000 in funding.
Motion died for lack of a second.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(508) A substitute motion was offered by Broussard, seconded by Stevenson to move the \$28,000 for the Annual Report to Council Reserve - Annual Report line item, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Conque stated that he supported Broussard's substitute motion with the understanding that the Administration consider putting the report on the web.

Benjamin stated that this is a good idea, but not all people have access to a computer so a printed copy must be available. Stevenson concurred with Benjamin.

Williams stated that when the Administration presents this information, he would like it to include annual reports and all publications.

Durel stated that he does not want to put out a black and white report for the public to get. He said if they are going to do it, he wants it to be classier than that because it is an excellent marketing tool for Lafayette.

Broussard agreed with Durel and stated that the Administration needs to come back with a product and a cost.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(635) **#3 - Annual Report - Parks & Recreation (Provide list of all funding for annual reports)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Benjamin, to move the \$5,000 in funding for Parks & Recreation Annual Report to Council Reserve - Annual Report line item, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(655) **#4 - Annual Report - Utilities (Provide list of all funding for annual reports)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Benjamin, to move the \$50,000 funding for the Utilities Annual Report to Council Reserve - Annual Report line item.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval stated that this would add an annual report, which they are not presently doing. He said they could continue to be part of the one that LCG produces.

A substitute motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Mouton, to delete the \$50,000 in funding for the Utilities Annual Report, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(714) **#5 - Lobbyist funding I-49 (Identify all lobbyist in budget; Report on activities and results)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Badeaux, to delete the \$10,000 in funding for the I-49 Lobbyist, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson

NAYS: Bourgeois, Conque, Mouton, Menard

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Upon questioning by Williams, Stanley stated that this funding is LCG's commitment to the Multi-State Task Force for I-49. He said this is not new funding and is specifically for the Technical Consultant for I-49.

Conque reminded the Council that there is a partnership between the private sector and the government in the lobbying effort for completion of the I-49 project.

(See pages 10 and 11 for reconsideration of vote)

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(012) #6 - Police - Compstat Reorganization (Provide information on cost, number of officers on streets and justification)

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Williams, to approve an increase of \$61,976 in funding for the Police Compstat Reorganization and to add a new Section J to Ordinance O-214-2005, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux, Broussard

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Williams said that the question is whether the Council will approve \$61,976 and agree with the Police Chief that this will help to curb many of the major disturbances that the City of Lafayette is having. He said that Districts 2, 3 & 4 constitute over 52% of the police calls and has a disproportionate amount of officers in those areas. Williams requested that the Council support this appropriation and give Compstat a try.

Broussard said that he thought Stanley was going to bring the Compstat reorganization to the Civil Service Board and this was not going to be part of this budget because there are too many unknowns. He asked that the Council not vote on this tonight and allow it to go to Civil Service with the Captain plan.

Stanley responded that the Administration did not proceed with bringing this to the Civil Service Board because it was put on the floor. He said if the Council votes it down because the Council wants it to go to the Civil Board first, then the Administration would do that. If the Council votes it down because it doesn't want to do it, there is no point in taking it to the Civil Service Board.

Conque said that he and Bourgeois met with Chief Hundley and reviewed a plan that Hundley has put together since the last plan that they reviewed. He said the dollar amounts were significantly lower and asked Hundley to provide an explanation.

Hundley stated that the Lafayette Parish School Board has agreed to fund two (2) positions for the Lafayette Police Department that are currently being filled by Police Officers. This means they will go from 243 officers to 246. The 3rd position is being created through a transfer of funds from Marcus Bruno's Department. This would mean a net effect of only \$25,000 instead of the \$61,976.

Upon questioning by Conque, Lalumia stated that she does not agree with these figures. She said the figures from Bruno would have no impact because it is general fund money that would be moved from one division to another. She said the \$61,976 is the difference between adding two (2) new Major positions, deleting two (2) police officers and \$8,500 in savings from promotions and changes.

Conque and Stevenson agreed that they are in support of Compstat but will vote against the allocation on the table until there is a clear understanding of where the Police Department is going, what they want to do and how much it is going to cost.

Lalumia stated that everyone left a meeting agreeing that the \$61,976 was the actual cost and the proposal, to her knowledge, hasn't changed.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Hundley said that he didn't know about the funding from the Lafayette Parish School Board until recently and that the funding is for one year. He stated that with the influx of people, he needs to be able to shift officers to go into Compstat mode to handle the over 300 calls per day that are received.

Mouton stated that, according to Hundley, the School Board has committed \$90,000 for the two (2) additional officers.

Upon questioning by Mouton, Lalumia stated that in order to accept the funds for the officers, there would be an ordinance to adopt an Intergovernmental Agreement with the School Board, and then the funds would be budgeted upon execution. She said that both the budget amendment and the authorization for the agreement could be done at the same time.

Hundley asked the Council to do the following: approve Lalumia's proposal of \$61,976 which is the most that Compstat can cost; allow him to implement the program now; he will call Civil Service to do a job audit and after that they can give the Council the amount of any changes that need to be made.

Motion by Benjamin, seconded by Broussard, to call for the question, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Conque, Mouton

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion to call for the question failed.

Williams expressed his disagreement to the call for the question and offered a substitute motion, seconded by Broussard, to authorize the Chief of Police, as Director of the Police Department, to make or implement such transfers or changes in the assignment of personnel within the Police Department as he, in his sole discretion, deems necessary or appropriate to implement the COMPSTAT Program, subject to the requirements of applicable law and all within the monetary amounts appropriated by this budget to the Police Department for salaries. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Menard stated that his understanding is that the Police Chief cannot reorganize without an approved ordinance from the Council.

Upon questioning by Bourgeois and Stevenson, Sands and Lalumia agreed that the \$61,976 is a good figure and this will be the maximum cost to implement Compstat.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(121) Stanley requested that the Council vote on the \$61,976 first. If LCG gets an Intergovernmental with the School Board, the Administration will come back with the ordinance to approve it. If it costs more than \$61,976 to implement Compstat, the Chief of Police will have to explain why. He added if the funding is not approved, they will implement Compstat administratively.

Mouton requested that the Administration draft an ordinance to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Parish School Board for funding for two police officers to be introduced at the October 18, 2005 meeting.

Broussard asked to go on record that he thinks it will cost more than \$61,976.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(165) **#7 - Traffic & Transportation - New Planner II Position (Delete new Planner II position)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Broussard, to delete funding for a new Planner II Position in the Traffic & Transportation Department, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux

NAYS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion failed.

Upon questioning by Williams, Tramel stated the Council adopted an ordinance stating that it would be the responsibility of the Traffic & Transportation Department to plan for the I-49 Connector and that is what this position is for.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(190) **#8 - Traffic & Transportation - Temporary Employees (Decrease appropriation to \$2,000)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Stevenson to decrease funding by \$6,000 for Temporary Employees in the Traffic & Transportation Department, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson
NAYS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Conque, Mouton, Menard
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion failed.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Tramel stated that they use the funds to leverage more Federal Dollars. He said they did discuss the possibility of calling them Contract Employees in lieu of Temporary Employees because they do use contract employees during the summer.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(227) **#9 - Rebuild Lafayette North Contract (Review how resources are being used)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Conque, to transfer \$36,500 in funding for Rebuild Lafayette North to Council Reserve - Rebuild Lafayette North line item, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard
NAYS: Benjamin
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was approved.

Benjamin stated that this is in his district and would like to know the reason for this amendment. He said this is not warranted because he feels that Phil Lank is doing a good job with "Rebuild Lafayette North".

Conque suggested that these dollars be placed in a dedicated Council Reserve Fund, which would allow the Council the time to consider how these monies can be best used to accomplish the mission and the goals of "Rebuild Lafayette North." He said that this was not an attempt to do away with that Committee. Conque added that he has met with the current co-chairs, Lynn Guidry and Dianne Allen-Mouton and they have discussed where they would like to go and how will the committee's actions impact, not only Lafayette North, but the whole Community. He feels that this is an appropriate time to sit back and look at what has been done and determine what is the next step.

Benjamin responded to Conque by stating that this is not his business. He said that there are about 26 - 28 people involved in "Rebuild Lafayette North" and almost all have spoken to him. Benjamin stated that the people involved with this project do have a plan and Phil Lank is trying to implement it. He concluded by stating that the committee has worked long and hard and given a lot of time and effort and he will not support this amendment.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(313) **#10 - Scott Park Lighting**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Broussard, to add \$25,000 in funding for Scott Park Lighting, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Williams, Broussard, Mouton
NAYS: Bourgeois, Benjamin, Conque, Stevenson, Menard
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion failed.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(329) **#11 - Night Owl Bus Service (Provide summary of budget implications)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Williams to approve an increase of \$106,000 in funding for the Night Owl Bus Service.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Tramel stated that an increase in the fare would not add any revenue to the City, because all fares go to the vendor. He also answered Stevenson by stating that LCG would pay the vendor less if the fares are increased. Tramel said Monday through Friday service to 10:30 p.m. would cost LCG an additional \$67,500. Stevenson then offered a substitute motion, seconded by Broussard, to decrease the line item of \$106,000 to \$67,500 and reduce service by 1 hour per day.

Williams asked that the Council not adopt Stevenson's amendment and keep the additional hour during the work week so people can get to and from work. If anything needs to be cut, cut one hour on Saturday.

Conque stated that if the service operates Monday through Friday until 11:00 p.m. or Monday thru Saturday until 10:30 pm, the increase would be \$78,500.

A substitute to the substitute motion was offered by Conque, seconded by Williams, to increase funding by \$78,500 for the Night Owl Bus Service, increase the fare by \$.50, eliminate Saturday service and add a new Section K to Ordinance O-214-2005, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Conque, Mouton, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux, Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Upon questioning by Mouton, Tramel stated that the increase in ridership since the hurricane is approximately 25%.

Before the voting took place on Conque's substitute motion, Williams asked for adoption of the ordinance with a mid-year review and offer any amendments at that time.

Upon questioning by Broussard, Menard said the amendment is to fund \$78,500 in addition to the \$75,000 that was recommended by the Administration, which is a total of \$153,500 and increase the fare by \$.50.

Broussard asked the maker to make two separate amendments because he feels it is two separate issues. One is the funding and the other is the fare increase, which LCG gets no part of.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(029) **#12 - Animal Control Overtime (Increase to \$35,000)**

A motion was offered Mouton, seconded by Stevenson, to increase the Animal Control Overtime budget by \$5,000 to \$35,000, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Benjamin, Broussard, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bourgeois, Williams, Conque

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(039) **#13 - Animal Control Transportation (Increase to \$50,000)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Benjamin, to increase Animal Control Transportation budget by \$14,700 to \$50,000, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: Menard

ABSENT: Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Upon questioning by Menard, Mouton said this increase is so the Parish can be covered on the weekends because of the growth and the amount of calls on the weekend.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Lalumia stated that the cost is split between the Parish and the City.

Stanley injected that after they get through the storm situation, he will call a meeting with municipalities in Lafayette Parish to determine what kind of animal control effort needs to be parish-wide and also discuss the source of revenues as well because the simple cost allocation from the parish is not enough.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(112) **#14 - Animal Control Vehicle**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Broussard, to add \$25,000 to the Animal Control Vehicle budget for truck replacement, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Menard

NAYS: Bourgeois

ABSENT: Benjamin, Stevenson

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Bourgeois stated that he finds it hard to justify the cost for that particular vehicle.

Captain Jackie Alfred stated that the increase above the cost of the vehicle is for the computer equipment that goes in the truck.

Chair Menard announced that the next items are pending items that have not been addressed yet.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(182) **#15 - Lobbyist - General Funds (Identify all lobbyist in budget; Report on activities and results)**

A motion was offered Mouton, seconded by Badeaux to delete \$47,500 in funding for Lobbyists and place that amount into fund balance.

Menard stated that the request was made by Badeaux and Stevenson to bring this to wrap-up.

Durel said that he does not think this is the time to be cutting lobbyists at all, but they should be discussing adding additional lobbyists in Washington. He stated that there is going to be a lot of money available to Louisiana and there are new citizens in Lafayette that will be here for quite sometime. Durel added that the ULL lobbyist has been a huge proponent of I-49. He said we are the 3rd largest city in the state and we need to be competitive in Washington and in Baton Rouge.

Upon questioning by Badeaux, Stanley stated that the ULL Lobbyist has been in existence for about 15 years and is a partnership that LCG has with the University.

Lalumia said it is a three-way partnership between LEDA, LCG and ULL. She said LEDA's share is \$10,000, LCG's share is \$35,000 (\$17,500 each from City & Parish), and she is not sure what ULL's share is.

Badeaux withdrew his second to the original motion and offered the following motion, seconded by Broussard, to delete \$30,000 in funding for Contractual Services - Lobbyist, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Stevenson

NAYS: Bourgeois, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Menard

ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton

RECUSED: None

Motion failed.

Motion by Badeaux, seconded by Broussard, to delete City & Parish funding of \$17,500 each for a ULL Grant Position, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Broussard, Stevenson

NAYS: Bourgeois, Williams, Conque, Menard

ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton

RECUSED: None

Motion failed.

Separate Amendments #16 and #17 were withdrawn.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(301) Badeaux withdrew amendment #16, which was to delete the lobbyist for the Utility Department.

Stevenson withdrew amendment #17, which was to cut the Information Services Department budget.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(313) **#18 - Civil Service Vehicle (Provide information on mileage/condition)**

A motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Bourgeois, to delete \$16,000 in funding for Civil Service Vehicle, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: Williams, Broussard, Menard

ABSENT: Badeaux, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion failed.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(335) **#19 - Assessor Equipment (Need recommendations by Public Works and Chief Information Officer)**

A motion to deny the Assessor's request for additional funding was offered by Conque, but died for lack of a second.

Upon questioning by Broussard, Stanley stated that the \$20,000 request is for an air conditioner in the Assessor's office and the Administration has no problem funding this. He said LCG's capital budget cannot handle the request for additional equipment. He stated that the Assessor feels he can charge off a lot of the cost to the different governmental entities for which he provides service. They are not on the same page relative to digital imagery and are working on that because there is changing technology daily. Stanley said the air conditioner is for the computer room and advised the Council place it in Reserve until the Assessor requests the funds. At that time it will come back to the Council for approval.

Motion by Broussard, seconded by Conque, to add \$20,000 in Council Reserve for Assessor Equipment - Air Conditioning Unit, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Mouton

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(429) **#20 - Update on Access Card System - 15th JDC**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Badeaux, to deny the 15th JDC request for \$9,023 in funding for update of the Access Card System, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Menard asked the Council to support the motion to deny the funding request because this has to do with the security system, which this government has never funded.

Separate Amendment #21 was withdrawn.

Stevenson and Bourgeois withdrew separate amendment #21, Vehicle for the Codes Department in the amount of \$49,500, because they received the information that was requested.

Upon questioning by Bourgeois, Carroll stated that the new Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent feels that some of the cost differential between the small vehicles and regular size pick-up truck is only about \$80 difference as far as the capital cost goes. It is his opinion that the larger vehicles are more durable and less maintenance cost. He said the gas cost is about \$300 - \$400.

Bourgeois suggested that a small vehicle be used whenever possible.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(518) **#22 - Dare Program - Police (Grant is pending. Additional \$10,000 funded by LCG in 101-13)**

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Williams, to increase funding for the Dare Program - Police by \$10,000, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Badeaux asked for Council support because this is money that is well spent.

Stevenson asked Stanley and Durel to please consider the private schools for this program.

Stanley stated that he would ask Chief Hundley to get the DARE Officer to provide the schedule to Stevenson.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(582) **#23 - Vehicle - Utilities (Provide cost analysis with comparison to mid-size pick-up)**

A motion was offered Mouton, to decrease Utilities Special Equipment Fund by \$21,000, but died for lack of a second.

Additional amendments were offered as follows:

Williams stated that the Council has had several discussions about user fees. The firm that could possibly be used is Maximus, Inc., which is a national firm that could do the analysis in terms of where LCG is with fees and recommend where fees should be. Williams then moved, seconded by Benjamin, to add up to \$30,000 from the City General Fund for a User Fee Study to be provided by a firm to be selected by the Administration, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin

NAYS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed.

Upon questioning by Williams, Carroll stated there are about 220 acres of grass to cut on the I-49/I-10 corridor, which is a total of 8.9 miles. He said to go to a grooming type cutting and doing it once every four (4) weeks would be a strain on the equipment. He added that the original number of \$262,500 is for a cut every two (2) weeks, which was submitted by the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff would like a three (3) year contract, which Carroll doesn't think they could do. He said they could enter into a one (1) year contract with an option to renew.

Upon questioning by Williams, Lalumia stated that this would have to come from the City's General fund balance, which is at approximately \$3,300,000 with the amendments that were made tonight.

Williams moved to increase the Grass Maintenance budget by \$262,500 for maintenance of the I-49/I-10 corridor. *Motion died for lack of a second.*

Bourgeois moved, seconded by Williams, to increase the Grass Maintenance budget by \$140,000 for seven (7) cuts for the I-49/I-10 corridor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin

NAYS: Badeaux, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion failed.

Williams stated that he has no more amendments but does have a couple of items for future agendas that were related to the budget as follows:

- Provide a list of capital projects in which funding was reduced or eliminated since 1996 - October agenda.
- Multi-modal Old Bus Terminal demolition - October agenda.
- List of repeat tall grass offenders - October agenda
- Status of the Pierce Street/Gilman Street roundabout - December agenda.

Broussard stated that he may want to reconsider the vote on the funding of the technical consultant (Lobbyist) for I-49. He asked Tramel who the consultant is.

Tramel responded that the Consultant is former Senator Bennett Johnston's law firm in Washington D.C. and they have been very connected in the I-49 issue. There has not been a highway bill for I-49 in the last two years and President Bush did sign one about 2 months ago. Included in this bill were earmarks and specific comments for the I-49 issue, specifically \$8,000,000 was for Lafayette with a total of \$59,000,000 for I-49 itself. Tramel concluded by saying that if you don't have someone in Washington D.C., you have a significantly less likelihood of obtaining funding for projects.

Broussard asked the Chair if he would be in order to offer a motion for reconsideration since he was on the prevailing side.

Menard said that Broussard would be in order to offer a motion to reconsider but someone on the prevailing side must second the motion.

A motion to reconsider and reinstate the \$10,000 in funding for the I-49 Lobbyist was offered by Broussard, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux, Williams, Benjamin

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Upon questioning by Benjamin, Tramel said the \$8,000,000 goes to DOTD for their use for the continuing effort for I-49. He added that these funds are being used for engineering and rights-of-way acquisitions.

Williams said he will put a resolution on the next agenda for the Council to withdraw support of I-49 and ask the people who reside in that area to be involved in a movement to withdraw this support.

Stanley said that the Administration, with the concurrence of the Council, included I-49 as the signature project in the resolution that was sent to Washington requesting 3.8 billion dollars for I-49. He said this is a critical time for LCG to attempt Federal funding for I-49 in the wake of the storms and it would not be advisable to send a mixed signal to the delegation. He reiterated that everyone needs to be united on I-49.

Badeaux stated that we already have people that should be fighting for this project such as Mary Landrieu, Charles Boustany, David Vitter and others and they get paid. This should be their high priority and LCG shouldn't be paying a lobbyist for something that the Federal Government can handle.

After the vote, Menard announced that the Council has taken care of all of the amendments to the ordinance.

Durel thanked the Council and said they made a few fundamental changes and have many more to work on. He said it looks like they all agreed on 99% of the budget and disagreed on a very small piece of it.

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(546) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: O-215-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopting a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, commencing with Fiscal Year 2005-2006, motion by Williams, seconded by Stevenson, to adopt and to include General Amendments as shown in Exhibit A (accepted by the maker and the second), and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(571) **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Menard declared the Special Council Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Norma A. Dugas

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK

LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL